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Red Meat Production in Pennsylvania Down 7 Percent in October

HARRISBURG, PA, Dec 9, 2010 --- Commercial red meat production, dressed weight basis, in **Pennsylvania** during October 2010 totaled 108.2 million pounds, down 7 percent from October 2009, according to the Pennsylvania Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Beef production, at 98.9 million pounds live weight, was down 4 percent from October 2009. Total head slaughtered was 81,500, down 2 percent from the same month last year. Live weight averaged 1,227 pounds, down 19 pounds from last year. Veal production was 4.3 million pounds live weight, down 8 percent from last year. Calf slaughter of 10,000 head was down 8 percent from last year. Average live weight increased 3 pounds per head to 432 pounds.

Pork production was 64.9 million pounds live weight, down 10 percent from last year. Total head slaughtered was 245,400, also down 10 percent from October 2009. Average live weight increased 2 pounds per head from last year to 265 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production during October 2010 was 298,000 pounds live weight, down 13 percent from October 2009. The number slaughtered was 3,000, down 12 percent from last year. Average live weight decreased 2 pounds per head to 98 pounds.

Nationally, commercial red meat production, dressed weight basis, in October 2010 totaled 4.27 billion pounds, down 3 percent from the 4.39 billion pounds produced in October 2009. Compared with a year earlier beef production, dressed weight basis, at 2.24 billion pounds, was 2 percent below the previous year. Veal production totaled 11.4 million pounds, 7 percent below October a year ago.

Pork production totaled 2.00 billion pounds, down 4 percent from the previous year. Lamb and mutton production, at 13.1 million pounds, was down 8 percent from October 2009.

January-October 2010 commercial red meat production was 40.4 billion pounds, down 2 percent from 2009. Accumulated beef production was down slightly from last year, veal was down 2 percent, pork was down 4 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 4 percent.

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